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REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are now in the application. Applicant hereby elects the invention identified by the Examiner as Group I and drawn to an etching method. Claims 1-18 and 20-21 are directed to the elected invention. Claims 19 and 22-39 are directed to non-elected inventions and may be canceled by the Examiner upon the allowance of the claims directed to the elected invention.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0510, under Order No. 20140-00297-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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